



HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN A WEEK

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Monday
May 18 2026

Israeli Strikes Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Monday May 18th, multiple airstrikes and artillery shelling across southern Lebanon, targeting Deir al-Zahrani, Zawtar al-Sharqiyeh, Froun, Wadi Azzeh, Arab al-Jal, Houmine, Tebnine, Majdal Selm, Deir Aames, Jebchit, Qaqaiyat al-Jisr, Habboush, Mayfadoun, Yahmar al-Shaqif, Kfar Rumman, Nabatieh al-Fawqa, Siddiqin, Qana, Deir Antar, Hanniyeh, Burj al-Shamali, Zawtar al-Gharbiyeh, Harouf, Zibdin, Shoukine, Kfardounine, and Deir Siryan. An Israeli strike on the Deir al-Zahrani highway destroyed a residential and commercial complex.

Israeli Forces Destroy Primary Healthcare Center in Maashouq

Israeli forces destroyed, on Monday May 18th, the primary healthcare center in the Maashouq area of Tyre, run by the Islamic Health Authority under MOPH supervision. A statement issued by the Ministry of Public Health on May 19th, condemning the attack, notes that it brings the total number of primary healthcare centers targeted in the assault to 31, and described the repeated attacks on medical facilities as a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.

Airstrike on Douris, Baalbek, Kills Two

An Israeli airstrike on the town of Douris in the Baalbek district killed, on Monday May 18th, 2 people including a girl, and injured 2 others including a woman and a child, according to the Public Health Emergency Operations Center.

Tuesday
May 19 2026

Israeli Strikes Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Tuesday May 19th, multiple airstrikes, drone strikes, and artillery shelling across southern Lebanon, targeting Rayhan heights in Jezzine, Kfara, Kfardounine, Zawtar al-Sharqiyeh, Kfar Rumman, Dbine, Maarakeh, Hanniyeh, Majdal Selm, Dibbine, and Arid Dbine in Marjeyoun. Phosphorus shells were fired at farmers harvesting watermelons near the Mansouri junction in the Tyre district, forcing them to flee. No injuries were reported.

Massacre in Deir Qanoun al-Nahr Kills 14 Including Four Children

An Israeli airstrike on the town of Deir Qanoun al-Nahr in the Tyre district killed, on Tuesday May 19th, 14 people including 4 children and 3 women, and injured 3 including a child, according to the final toll issued by the Public Health Emergency Operations Center, on May 20th. Rescue teams recovered a body from beneath the rubble, with search operations for missing persons ongoing.

Airstrike on Kfarsir Kills Five Including a Woman

An Israeli airstrike targeted, on Tuesday May 19th, a residential house in the al-Mahfara neighborhood in Kfarsir, killing 5 including a woman and injuring 2, according to the Public Health Emergency Operations Center. Rescue operations also continued in Qana following an earlier strike, with one body recovered and another person still missing. The same statement from the Public Health Emergency Operations Center confirmed that a strike on Nabatieh city killed 4 and injured 10 including 2 women, a strike on Hanniyeh injured 10 including one critically, and a strike on Maarakeh injured 7 including a child and 3 women.

Animal Rights Activist Detained for Refusing to Delete Video Documenting Animal Abuse

The Appellate Advocate General in Mount Lebanon ordered, on Tuesday May 19th, the detention of animal rights activist Ghina Nahfawi after she refused to delete a video documenting a cleric tying a dog to his car and dragging it in the town of Azzounieh, Aley district. The detention followed a complaint filed by the cleric, Sheikh Samir Sharafeddine, alleging defamation and incitement of religious sentiment. Nahfawi had been summoned two days earlier by the Baabda police station in connection with the complaint. Human rights observers noted that the judge's decision failed to acknowledge that causing animal suffering constitutes a violation of the Animal Welfare Law No. 47/2017, effectively penalizing the activist rather than the perpetrator of the documented abuse. Nahfawi was released a few hours after her arrest.

Wednesday
May 20 2026

Israeli Strikes Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Wednesday May 20th, multiple airstrikes and drone strikes across southern Lebanon, targeting Jebchit, Habboush, Harouf, Kherbet Silem, Kfara, Toura, Ghandouriyeh, the area between Burj Rahhal and Abbasiyeh, Siddiqin, and the Khallat Fseekhiya area south of al-Shaqif. A strike near the International School in Habboush was reported

Thursday
May 21 2026

Israeli Strikes Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Thursday May 21st, multiple airstrikes and drone strikes across southern Lebanon, targeting Mansouri, Srifra, Yater, Hanniyeh, Tibnin, Ghandouriyeh, Touline, Baraachit, Kfardounine, Froun, the road between Toura and Jannata, and Qabrikha in Marjeyoun.

Airstrike on Tibnine Hospital Injures Nine Including Seven Staff

An Israeli airstrike struck, on Thursday May 21st, the vicinity of Tibnine Government Hospital in the Bint Jbeil district, injuring 9 people including 7 hospital staff. The Ministry of Public Health condemned the attack, noting damage to the hospital's exterior, electrical infrastructure, ambulances, and multiple internal departments including the emergency room, patient rooms, chemotherapy ward, intensive care unit, MRI unit, and surgery department. The Ministry questioned whether the attack was a response to the World Health Assembly resolution adopted the same day affirming the protection of healthcare in Lebanon.

World Health Assembly Recognizes Severe Health Emergency in Lebanon

The 79th World Health Assembly recognized, on Thursday May 21st, the severe health emergency in Lebanon caused by ongoing hostilities, expressing concern over the devastating impact on civilians and the Lebanese health system, including attacks on health facilities and workers, closure of hospitals and primary care facilities, disruption of essential services such as maternal care, immunization, and non-communicable disease management, and a critical shortage of medicines. The Assembly reaffirmed the obligation of all parties to protect healthcare under international humanitarian law, according to OCHA.

Friday
May 22 2026

Israeli Strikes Across Southern Lebanon

Israeli forces carried out, on Friday May 22nd, multiple airstrikes and drone strikes across southern Lebanon, targeting Kfar Tebnit, Mansouri, Tibnin, Qlayleh, Hanniyeh, Dabaal, Majdal Zoun, Jouaiya, Zawtar al-Sharqiyeh, Marj Harouf, Meifadoun, and the Ansar-Zrarieh road.

Double-Tap Strike on Paramedics in Deir Qanoun al-Nahr Kills Six Including Two Paramedics, Four Paramedics Killed in Hanniyeh

An Israeli drone targeted, on Friday May 22nd, a motorcycle near the Burj Rahhal-Deir Qanoun al-Nahr junction, then struck again when paramedics from Al-Rissala Association arrived to assist, killing 6 including 2 paramedics and a Syrian child, and injuring 6 including 3 paramedics and a Syrian woman, according to the Public Health Emergency Operations Center. In a separate attack, 4 paramedics from the Islamic Health Authority were killed in an airstrike on their center in the town of Hanniyeh in the Tyre district, with 2 others injured including a paramedic and a woman, according to MOPH.

Saturday and
Sunday
23 and 24 May
2026

Israeli Strikes Across Southern Lebanon Including Strike on Lebanese Army Barracks

Israeli forces carried out, on Saturday May 23rd, multiple airstrikes and drone strikes across southern Lebanon, targeting Blat in Marjeyoun, the Al-Qasmiyeh road, Jal al-Bahr near Tyre, the Baqbouq area near Tyre, Nabatieh, and Nabatieh al-Fawqa. A drone strike targeted a vehicle on the Al-Qasmiyeh road with casualties reported. Strikes on Jal al-Bahr and Baqbouq resulted in multiple injuries among workers. Israeli forces also carried out a large explosion in the town of Taybeh in Marjeyoun district. An Israeli strike targeted an army barracks in Nabatieh, moderately injuring one Lebanese soldier, according to the Lebanese Army.

Airstrike on Orchard in Baqbouq Kills Five

An Israeli airstrike targeted, on Saturday May 23rd, an orchard in the Baqbouq area north of Tyre, killing 5 civilians and injuring 2. Four bodies and the two wounded were recovered and transferred to hospitals in Tyre, while the body of a woman remained trapped under the rubble as ongoing airstrikes prevented recovery efforts.

REPORTING A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO CLDH

If you wish to report an incident that may potentially constitute a violation of human rights, kindly send an email to the following address: violations@cldh-lebanon.org

You can also report an incident anonymously through our **website**.
When making a report, please ensure to include the following information:



WHERE:

City/village, governorate, additional details (e.g. which prison)



WHAT:

Nature of the violation



HOW:

A narrative description of what happened



WHEN:

Date of the episode (at least the year, if day and month are unknown)



TO WHOM:

Information regarding the victim (name, nationality, gender, date of birth, city of origin, phone number). Only share this information with the consent of the person.



WHO

is the person reporting (name, phone number) and how were they identified (e.g., victim him/herself, family member, eyewitness, journalist, humanitarian worker...)

The information referred will remain completely private. It will be fact-checked and registered into CLDH's internal system. No action will be undertaken without the explicit and written consent of the reporter.

